

ECURIE INFORMATION MESSAGE

The Japanese authorities have initiated checks on levels of dose-rate on board of ships and cargo in major seaports of Japan. On the basis of these measurements the authorities will issue certificates. We trust these certificates will facilitate the controls in European harbours. This information message is intended to provide competent authorities with the web-links for further information.

1. Guidelines for radiation measurement for shipping from major ports on the Tokyo Bay

On 22 April, MLIT published a "GUIDELINE" which provides the measurement method of radiation rate for containers and ships. It also includes criteria (threshold) for decontamination, necessary actions to be taken for decontamination etc.

Based on this guideline, public authorities (MLIT, port authorities, class NK) will issue an ATTESTATION which shows radiation measurement results and related information. The details can be downloaded from the following website:

http://www.mlit.go.jp/page/kanbo01_hy_001428.html

Yokohama-Port will start the measurement and the issue of attestations from 28 April and Tokyo-Port will do it at the end of April or the beginning of May.

2. Monitoring of Air and Water

In addition, MLIT and port authorities will start the radiation monitoring of ATOMOSPHERE and SEAWATER, the result of which will be updated on the following MLIT website:

http://www.mlit.go.jp/en/maritime/maritime_fr1_000007.html

http://www.mlit.go.jp/page/kanbo01_hy_001428.html

3. IMO news release

The IMO press release on transport from Japan, referred to in the previous information message, says "Radiation monitoring around airports and seaports in Japan continues to confirm that levels remain well within safe limits from a health perspective. In addition, monitoring of passengers, crew and cargo from Japan carried out to date in other countries, in accordance with their national policy, does not suggest any health or safety risk. Therefore, screening of radiation for health and safety purposes is currently considered unnecessary at airports and seaports around the world."

<http://www.imo.org/MediaCentre/PressBriefings/Pages/22-japan-update.aspx>

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